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General Pulaski Commemorative



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After Forty-Three Years

By Captain A. C. Townsend

POP, I sure do hate to sell this collection," said Harry, looking up from the pages of his album with an expression of woe on his face.

"I know you do, Son, and I'm sorry you have to, but there is no other way if you are going on with your engineering. It has been pretty hard work to put you through high school. Now you are through and have a job and I have three other little folks that I must look after. The \$75 you can get for it will pay for your books and supplies and some of your night school fees, and we will make living at home so cheap that you can keep up with the rest of them. I am sure."

"I know that, Pop. You have done all you possibly can for me, and you know I appreciate it. I'll look after my own future from now on, but I just simply hate to sell the collection. When a dealer will give \$75 for it I know it has to be worth a lot more. I've been collecting since I was 13 and I have a lot of good stamps and I've learned to be mighty careful about fine copies. I just wish I could put it away for a long time and let it grow in value."

"That is another reason for selling it, I think," said his father. "You have put in an awful lot of time on it that I think could have been better spent in studying, and if you kept it you would be tempted to keep on collecting. Now you must devote all your time to study and the future."

"I guess you're right," Harry answered with a sigh, as he closed the album. "I'll take it right down and sell it and try to forget it." And he rose to his feet with both sorrow and determination on his face.

"Wait a minute," said a new voice, and Harry turned to his grandfather in surprise. The old gentleman had been sitting in his easy chair, apparently dozing as usual and paying no attention to the conversation, but now he was sitting up with an odd look on his wrinkled and kindly face. "What makes you so sure those stamps are going to get more valuable as times goes on? Don't you think people will stop fooling with them pretty soon? You say yourself that new ones are coming out all the time, all over the world. Pretty soon there will be too many for anyone to hope to get a complete collection and then they will stop fooling with them, won't they?"

"I don't think so, Grandpa. The dealers tell me that more and more big business men are collecting, and that they are taking up just particular countries, like U. S. or France or England and her colonies. And the dealers have too much money tied up in stamps to let collecting die out."

"Sounds pretty reasonable," said Grandpa with a glance at Harry's father, "but what makes you so certain that your collection will grow in value?"

"A lot of things," Harry replied promptly. "I began to collect just before the Department stamps went out of use, and I got nearly a whole set of Wars with that Kicking Mule on them, or Pop got them for me. You remember I showed you those a while ago when that dealer was so anxious to buy 'em? He has tried two or three times to get me to sell them. And since we got to Washington here I have picked up a lot more of the Department stamps so I have most of the sets nearly complete now. They are getting scarcer and higher every year. Then I got that stand-in with the mail clerk at the State Department and I've gotten lots of bully good high value foreigners from him and I traded the duplicates to a dealer for other good U. S. and foreign, besides what I traded to the other fellows. And then when I found from the stamp papers that all stamps in first class condition were worth a lot more than poor ones I began weeding out poor ones and getting better and better copies for my album and it is a beauty now."

"What do you think you could sell it for ten years from now?" Grandpa smiled as he asked the question.

"Gee, Grandpa, I don't know. Maybe three or four times what I can get for it now. More people with money are collecting all the time, and they are the ones who can pay for what they want. Why, Grandpa?"

The old gentleman straightened up and tapped the floor with his cane. "Fred," he said, "I am going to buy that collection, and I'm going to put it away for Harry for 43 years." He grinned at their astonishment. "Maybe the boy is right; maybe he is wrong, but I have an idea he is right. I won't be here to see how it turns out, and you won't be, and maybe it is a poor way to waste money that I might leave you for the rest of the children, but I believe Harry is right and I'm going to see—or he will. I hope and believe that he is going to get along in the world, but you never can tell. Leaving him \$75 in my will wouldn't amount to anything, but putting that collection away until his sixtieth birthday may mean a whole lot, and that's what I'm going to do!"

And that is just what he did. He paid Harry for the collection, had him pack it up carefully, and then it disappeared, but when his will was read two years later there was the statement that he left to his grandson Harry the stamp collection that

was in the hands of a certain Trust Company with instructions that it was to be turned over to Harry or his heirs on June 21, 1930, the date on which Harry would be 60 years old, if he lived.

Now we skip over 43 years, to June, 1930. Harry was yet in the land of the living, with a wife and children and home of his own, but fate had been none too good to him. He had dropped his profession of engineering to go into the Spanish-American War. Resuming it he had been caught a few years later in the panic of 1907 and lost much of what he owned. After that he worked back up the road to prosperity and at the coming of the World War was city engineer of a New Jersey city at \$3,000 a year, and might have gone on with his wife and children to a peaceful old age, but patriotism again got the better of him.

He answered the call of his country for trained engineers to make up a special body, joined Company "C" of the 20th Engineers and went through hard service in France; hard for anyone but particularly so for a man of his age, and he came back pretty well broken down. From then on life had been a struggle, with paying positions rather few and far between. He was shrewd and his investments had prospered greatly, but the sudden collapse of the stock market in the fall of 1929 had greatly reduced his capital. The dividend reductions of 1930 had again hit him hard, and now he was faced with a serious problem.

He and his wife could keep their home and still live on their reduced income, but his youngest son badly needed his financial help. The other two boys were married and could do nothing to aid during the present hard times. Charlie, the youngest, had followed his father's footsteps and was a graduate electrical mining engineer. He had been offered an excellent position as resident engineer of a large South American company; the problem was to outfit him as required for the position.

"If there is any way you can manage it, Dad, I can begin to pay you back within a very few months," said Charlie.

"Yes, I know you will, Son, but the question is how to raise the money. You know the home is mortgaged, and I can't sell any of our stocks without taking an awful loss and cutting our income below the living point. A year ago we could have done it easily; today I don't see how it is possible, and it breaks my heart to see you lose such an opportunity. There is just one possibility, and that is my old stamp collection."

The wife and son exchanged a glance of pity. Dad had been talking more and more of that stamp collection for two or three years, but they had little faith in it. All that he remembered accurately about it was that as a boy he had been offered \$75 for it. It might not be worth anything at all now, they argued, but Dad kept insisting it would prove valuable.

"Listen," he said, with sudden determination. "This is the 19th. I am going to Washington tomorrow with all the necessary papers, see the Trust Company officers on Friday and come back with that collection on an early train Saturday, in time for my birthday dinner, and after dinner Charlie and I will go over it and be ready to sell it on Monday and outfit him for his position."

"Dear," said his wife, "don't you think you had better mail the papers to them? There might be some delay in turning the collection over to you, and if it shouldn't be of any value, we can't afford to waste the money the trip would cost you."

"It is of value," replied Harry, indignantly. "I have been looking at stamps in New York recently, and I know what I am talking about. I know I have a 5c 1847 in that book and a dealer wants six or eight dollars for one. I didn't pay over 25c for mine. If it has gone up that much, how about a lot of the others?"

There was no talking him out of it. He went, and Saturday afternoon he walked into his home with the bulky package safely under his arm. After dinner he and Charlie settled down to pore over the album and a catalog which he bought in New York on his way home.

What a wonderful thing is memory, so fickle in some ways and so accurate in others! Dad turned confidently to the first page of his album, looked towards the top and then exclaimed in triumph, "There! There is that 5c stamp I told you about. Was I right? Huh! Now where on earth did I get that 5c New York; I don't remember that. Charlie, gimme that catalog." A moment later he chuckled in glee as his finger pointed to the price, \$60. He went slowly down the page. "Lot of these things I can't tell about, too many 'a' and 'b' and so on, but taking them at the lowest rates, look at this, and this, and this! He turned the page and pounced down on another stamp. "See that? Leon Goldsmith gave me that to remember him by when we moved to Washington. It has the signing of the Declaration of Independence on it. Look up the 24c of 1869. Ten dollars? My stars! Leon has been dead for 20 years. I wish he could know what good work that stamp is going to do now."

Memory stirred again and he turned quickly to the Department stamps. "Look at those, boy! I had no idea I had so many of them, though I remember hustling around Washington after them when Father was first ordered there. Jessie! Come here and look at these catalog prices. And you didn't want me to spend the money to go after the—, Oh, my stars! Look at those Wars with that kicking mule on them. Pop sent out to some western fort and had those fixed up for me. Now I remember I showed them to Grandpa and that was what made him buy the book and put it away for me."

"Son, you can thank your wise old Grandad for your start in life. This book is worth real money." Over to the revenues he went, and again he chuckled. "Mighty few of the boys collected those when I started. I got a lot of these from old Charlie Myers. His father was in the insurance business and Charlie traded them to me for cheap foreigners. Find where they are in the catalog. Good powers! Look at those prices! I'll write Charlie about this, and tell him how I skinned him."

Through the album they skimmed, and many a tale Harry told his son of one stamp or another. "Two dollars each. Used to get those from our Chinese laundry . . . I can't tell about a lot of these, but look at the price of that 5 franc. I think Tom Creigh traded that to me . . . Must be a mistake here! It says \$12 and \$30 for those 6d. and 1 shilling first issue of Gibraltar. I used to get bunches of them from the mail clerk in the State Department and trade them to a dealer for other stamps. He would allow me about 35 or 40c for the two. Son, if I had put money into stamps instead of the stock market I could buy you more technical apparatus than you could use in your whole life!"

Sunday afternoon they settled down again with the catalog and album, and both wife and son stared in amazement at the growing columns of figures as the stamps were listed. Harry himself sat back finally and mopped his forehead and shook his head in awe.

"It don't seem possible. Of course we have made a lot of mistakes, but there are a lot of stamps we have not even tried to price at all, and there are lots of others, like those Kicking Mules and the unused pairs and blocks of four that will sell a good deal higher than ordinary ones will. As we have it, they list over \$2,000—and I would have sold them for \$75 if it had not been for Grandpa. I hope he and Dad know about this!"

He looked at his son fondly, got up and kissed his wife, and then closing the album he said, "We will drink a toast of gratitude to Grandpa at supper."

and tomorrow you and I will go over and sell the collection, Charlie. It will bring at least a thousand dollars, I am certain, and you can outfit yourself as becomes a *summa cum laude* engineer."

He suddenly shook his finger at his son. "Now, listen to me! Just as soon as you get settled in

your job down there you get a big blank book and begin sticking in it all the stamps you can get hold of, including unused full sets of every country you visit. What for? For your boy some time in the future, of course!"

The World in Review

A FORECAST AND A RECORD

Swift to Report

Straight to Record

Timely, authentic and complete information on new issues, unlisted varieties, projected philatelic events, etc., is the aim of this department. We will deeply appreciate all contributions of this nature from our readers, and full credit will be given in each case. All contributions should if possible be accompanied by specimens of the stamps concerned, which will be returned promptly.

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ABYSSINIA

Referring to the provisional coronation set listed and illustrated in our December 13 issue, Whitfield King and Co. translate the Amharic overprint for us as follows: "The Emperor of the Kings of Ethiopia 2nd, of November, 1930 Hayle Selassie." No further word has reached us about completing the new design series of which we illustrated the 4g value Dec. 13th.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC

We have just seen an air-mailed cover from Buenos Aires dated Dec. 1st which bears two more values of the new postal commemorative series mentioned in our chronicles of Dec. 6th and 27th. These are the 1/2c violet gray and the 4c violet. The stamps are small in size, 18x22 1/2 mm and depict a soldier, a sailor and a civilian, all young, with a symbolic figure of Victory holding a wreath above their heads. The symbolism of the design needs no explanation, especially as at the foot of the stamp appears the words: "6 de Septiembre de 1930", the important date of the revolution down there. This makes four values which have appeared to date, the 1/2c-4c-5c and 12c. Furthermore, Stamp Imports, Inc., inform us positively that the

rest of the long series is being produced as fast as possible, and will cover all denominations of the current series as well as two new ones, 2 and 50 pesos. That last value is the one that will break us up in business. Fifty pesos even at the present low rate of exchange is almost \$20.00 face value!

BELGIUM

We have received from Rene Boon the special 5 fr. air post stamp issued for the inaugural flight from Belgium to the Congo on December 7, 1930. These are a reprint from the plate of the 5fr of the regular air post stamp, Scott's AP4, but may easily be distinguished by the color, which is a dark red-violet instead of the original brown-lake. He tells us that only one stamp was sold to a customer, and only at one window at the central postoffice in Brussels. There was an unbroken line of purchasers getting their stamps from Friday until the following Monday when the total supply of 40,000 was exhausted. They are commanding a very high premium already.

AP4 5fr. dark red-violet

COLOMBIAN REPUBLIC

In our September 13 issue we forecast two values of the SCAD-TA airmail to be overprinted in honor of the hundredth anniversary of the great patriot Simon Bolivar. A. C. Roessler reports now that three such stamps have appeared, 10c on 30c, 20c on 3p and 30c on 1p. In addition to the changed value there is an additional overprint giving the dates 1830-1930 and the name of Simon Bolivar. Not cataloged of course, but interesting to students of aero-philately.

CYRENAICA

Mr. R. Roberts sends us an exceptionally interesting new series of postage stamps commemorating the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Italian Colonial Agricultural

LATE ARRIVALS

Albania Postage, 1g to 5f, 11 var. \$3.40
Airmails, 5g to 3f, 7 var. 2.00
Canada, A59. 5c dull violet, flat plate .06
A59. 2c, 4c, 5c, 8c, New colors.24
Dom. Rep., AP1. 15c blue grn., 30c vio.22
Red Cross, 1c, 2c, 5c, 10c, 4 var.25
France, new 15c, 50c, 3f, 3 var.25
Greece, new 8d dark violet, Commem. 1.00
New Postage dues, D3, 10, 15, 25d. 1.17
India-Nabha, A51. 3a ultramarine12
Japan, Shrine issue, 1 1/2s, 3s06
Census issue, Maps, 1 1/2s, 3s06
Lebanon, A18. 50p yellow green.60
A18. 100p black 1.20
Papua Aelos, A3. 3d, 6d, 1ah, 3 var.57
Portugal 1931 Red Cross. 6 var.30
Syria, A4. 50p dark brown60
Uruguay New Charity. 1, 2, 5, 8c40



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Institute. The series consists of five stamps, all of the same design, 21x36½ mm in size. They show a magnificent figure of the Sower, the stamps being designed by D. Tofanni and produced by the Off. Carte Valori in Rome. They are on paper watermarked with a large crown and are perf. 14½x14. Curiously enough, the dates on them commemorating the anniversary are 1904-1929. Looks as tho they should have been issued last year. Each value bears a surtax indicated by tiny figures under the figures of face value.



50c + 20c brown.
1.25L + 20c deep blue.
1.75L + 20c green.
2.55L + 50c purple.
5L + 1L rose red.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

W. C. Phillips & Co. tell us that the recent air post series, similar to No. 502-5 but with colors changed, also exists imperforate. These would be the (a) varieties of those we listed November 1st.

ERITREA

Mr. R. Roberts submits the new Colonial Agricultural Institute set for this colony also. They have a distinct design of their own, all values being the same design, but in all other respects they are the same as the set for Cyrenaica chronicled above:



50c + 20c brown.
1.25L + 20c deep blue.
1.75L + 20c green.
2.55L + 50c purple.
5L + 1L rose red.

GUATEMALA

Stamp Imports, Inc., of Chicago, have shown us a new air-post series of five values for interior use only. These are overprints on the 3 and 15 peso values of the 1926 postal series and the wording of the overprint reads:

"SERVICIO AEREO INTERIOR Un Centavo DE QUETZAL 1930"

The higher values have figures instead of words denoting the surcharged value. Overprint is in either black or red as indicated in parenthesis:

A57 1c on 3p dark green (B)
A57 2c on 3p dark green (B)
A57 3c on 3p dark green (R)
A57 4c on 3p dark green (R)
A64 10c on 15p black (R)

Stamp Imports further state that it has definitely decided not to issue any further values in the air post series for international use, of which the 6c rose was the only one to appear (No. 706). Furthermore, no more of the 6c will be printed, and the design is to be cancelled. The probabilities are now that no series for external use will appear at all for some time, only these for interior use. Of course with the unsettled political situation there almost anything can happen, but such is the status quo at present.

HONGKONG

Mr. R. Roberts lists new shades in two of the 1921-26 postage series.

A15 25c bright red-lilac and dull violet.

A13 30c pale yellow & dull violet

ITALIAN SOMALILAND

Mr. Roberts has sent us the Colonial Agricultural Institute set for this colony also, same description as for Eritrea except for the design. Produced by the same firm, but designed by M. A. Falorsi:



50c + 20c brown.
1.25L + 20c light blue
1.75L + 20c green
2.55c + 50c violet.
5L + 1L rose.

LUXEMBURG

The very lovely 1930 Charity set has arrived from Mr. R. Roberts. As forecast some time ago it consists of five values, all bearing the charming likeness of little Prince Charles. They are of the ordinary small size (18x22mm) and printed

Recent Unused U. S. BLOCKS

No.	Price	No.	Price
652 11c lt. grn.	2.00	1897 10c Sp. D.	1.75
647 2c Hawai'n	.32	657 2c Sullivan	.18
1309 10c Lindb.	.60	648 6c Hawai'n	.40
1306 10c map	.60	1307 15c air mail	.80
1304 16c blue	1.00	1305 24c carm.	1.80
3298 1c Shang.	6.00	1303 8c green	.80
651 2c Clark	.16	1300 6c orange	1.50
649 2c Aeron's	.15	3299 2c Shang.	6.00
646 2c Molly P.	.15	650 6c Aeron's	.32
643 Vermont	.20	645 Val. Forge	.15
629 2c Wht. Pl.	.20	644 Saratoga	.20
627 Lib. Bell	.20	631 1½c Rot'y	.20
620 2c Nor.-Am.	.75	imp.	.50
617 1c Lexing'n	.25	628 5c Ericsson	.40
614 1c Walloon	.30	621 5c Nor.-Am.	2.00
612 Hard'g imp.	.35	619 5c Lexing'n	.50
590 9c perf.	10 1.00	618 2c Lexing'n	.25
587 6c perf.	10 .85	616 5c Wall'n	1.00
677 2c imperf.	.20	615 2c Wall'n	.80
544 1c perf.	11 .30	611 2c Harding	.30
529 3c offset	.35	588 7c perf.	10 1.30
518 81 vi.-blk.	8.00	576 1½ imperf.	.30
513 13c, us., fin.	.90	525 1c offset	.25
509 9c salmon	.90	513 13c ap.-gr.	1.25
501 3c violet	.30	512 12c carm.	1.00
483 3c imperf.	.50	499 2c carmine	.30
473 11c perf.	10 2.40	482 2c imperf.	.20
428 5c perf.	10 .90	426 8c perf.	10 .50
415 9c salmon	2.25	416 10c yellow	1.75
408 1c imperf.	.25	406 2c carmine	.35
338 10c orange	3.25	337 8c olive	2.75
334 4c brown	.90	331 1c green	.20
1450 1c P. Post	.15	301 2c 1902	1.25
1462 3c P. Post	.80	1459 50c P. P.	8.75
1460 75c P. P.	8.75	1951 10c Reg.	1.00

NOVA SCOTIA

1 1p red, brown, used	.....\$12.50
2 3p blue, used	.....3.00
3 3p dark blue, used	.....4.50
4 6p yellow, green, used	.....15.00
8 1c black on white, unused, 60; used	.....75
Same, unused blocks of four	.....2.50
9 2c lilac, used	.....75
10 5c blue, used only	.....50
11 8½ green, unused	.....85
12 10c vermilion, unused, \$1.40; used	.....1.40
13 12½c black, unused	.....1.50

PRINCE EDWARD ISLANDS

4 1p orange, unused, \$1.50; used	..\$1.85
5 2p rose, used	.....70
6 3p blue, unused, 33c; used	.....1.50
7 6p green, unused, \$1.25; used	.....1.40
8 9p violet, unused1.00
9 4p black, unused, 25c; used2.50
10 4½c brown, unused only1.25

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These were issued December 1st.



- 10c blue green and olive brown.
- 75c red-brown and deep green.
- 1f bright rose and dark violet.
- 1¼ olive bistre and black brown.
- 1½f ultramarine and brown.

NETHERLANDS

Mr. Roberts and B. J. Abrahams both send us the 1930 charity set, the latter firm sending a first day cover dated December 10th. It consists of four values of different designs symbolic of a child during the four seasons as described in our November 8th issue. They are line engraved and recess printed in sheets of 100, perf. 12½ on unwatermarked paper; surtax given in parenthesis. It does not appear on the face of the stamps.



- 1½c orange red (1½c)
- 5c green (3c)
- 6c brown lilac (4c)
- 12½c ultramarine (3½c)

PORTUGAL

R. Roberts has sent us another value in the Ceres type, Lisbon print of the current postage set. These new ones are appearing quite rapidly now:

- A64 2e bright red-violet.

SALVADOR

Stamp Imports show us the new Bolivar Commemorative air-post series mentioned last week. These were locally produced and the work leaves much to be desired. They were typographed on thin white paper, unwatermarked, perf. 11½. This issue was limited to five thousand sets, and to avoid having the supply cornered none were sold in mint condition. Letters had to be taken to the postoffice, where the clerks affixed the stamps and mailed the letters. A few did get

out in mint condition naturally, but their number was small. The set promises to be one of the best of recent years so far as investment value goes. Centering is unusually poor however, and finely centered copies are almost unknown.

Design is the same for all values:



- 15c red.
- 20c emerald green
- 25c dark red violet.
- 40c dark ultramarine.

SOUTH-WEST AFRICA

Last week we mentioned a provisional air post set of two values due to appear soon. Mr. R. Roberts has sent these to us and they consist of the 6p and 1sh air stamps of the Union of South Africa overprinted "S. W. A." in small block capitals near the bottom of the stamp. Mr. Roberts states that he understands that only a limited number of these were printed, as the new definitive series is expected early in 1931:

- AP2 6p blue green.
- AP2 1sh orange.

TRIPOLITANIA

From R. Roberts comes the fourth and last set of the new Colonial Agricultural Institute series. Same description as for Italian Somaliland, but a different design as shown:



- 50c + 20c brown.
- 1.25L + 20c dark blue.

- 1.75L + 20c green.
- 2.55L + 50c violet.
- 5L + 1L rose red.

TUNIS

Scott's Monthly Journal lists a new color variety of the 20fr of the 1926 postage series:

- A13 20fr violet and red.

YEMEN

With the advent of the recent series of postage stamps for foreign postage Scott brings to light what few have known: that back in 1926 a set of two values appeared for domestic postage use. These had no words or figures in English and probably could not have been identified by the average collector. They are cataloged now that Yemen's other stamps have been officially issued and approved. The design is entirely oriental, the principal feature being two large scimitars with their hilts crossing. They are unwatermarked and imperf.

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To those who ordered the Guam sets, must state that the two issues I held were sold out in order of letters received. More supplies have been bought, your order will be filled soon as received, or full remittances returned to you.

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SENSIBLE CONGRESSMEN

Postmaster-General Walter F. Brown has been yearning to establish what he fondly believes to be efficiency in his department, and to that end began reducing the postal forces throughout the country as one preliminary to lowering the postal deficit by charging 2½ cents an ounce for letter mail. His idea is that the Postoffice Department should be self-supporting.

This department, as everyone knows, is one of the few real blessings extended by the Federal Government. Indeed, it is the major one. It is the one department out of which the harassed taxpayer has been getting something of a break for the money poured into the Treasury. It is no wonder, then, that there should be considerable indignation when this department is singled out as the only one which must pay its way. Let the Prohibition Bureau squander millions, let the Farm Board play the wastrel, to mention but two Federal agencies, and that is all right. But that the Postoffice Department should show a deficit every year is all wrong. That is Mr. Brown's reasoning.

In speeches and in his annual report submitted to Congress the Postmaster-General has harped on this "reform." But even Congressmen, reflecting the public's attitude in this instance, gagged at so idiotic a proposal, and three Republican members of the House Postoffice Committee yesterday predicted that Mr. Brown's scheme will not be introduced in the House by either party. Here is common sense, and the Congressmen dealing with the matter deserve congratulations.—Baltimore Sun.

RADIO STAMP TALK

Our New Issue Editor, Ralph A. Kimble, will give the fifth of his series of radio broadcasts on stamps on Saturday afternoon, January 10th, at 4:45 sharp. WMAQ, the Chicago Daily News station is broadcasting these, and from the number of persons from all parts of the country who have written in for copies of these talks it looks as tho Mr. Kimble had a steady program for the winter. His subjects are "Commemorative Stamps of the United States" and he will take up the Ohio River Canalization stamp this time. As we reminded you last week, printed copies of these talks may be had free by any one writing for them. Do NOT address Mr. Kimble personally. Address "The Stamp Man" care of WMAQ, Chicago, as only requests so addressed can be answered. Tune in on WMAQ at 4:45 P. M. this Saturday and see what he has to say. It is the best kind of publicity for stamp collecting.

VOORHEES 200TH SALE

B. L. Voorhees, the veteran Chicago dealer and sale manager, held his 200th auction sale at the Bismark Hotel on December 17th. Few dealers in this country can better that record. In view of the general business conditions this sale was remarkable in that it brought out a larger attendance and better prices than have been seen for many months. "Barney's" sales are always well attended, but this 200th one was a record.

Prices realized in the larger auctions are always interesting as they probably reflect the true trend of values more closely than can be done by any other means. This one emphasized the demand for condition and for good U. S. and air-post stamps, a demand which has been steadily growing for years. 20th Century U. S. commemoratives, especially in blocks, brought close to full catalog, while the bluish experimental papers went over catalog in every case. Air mails brought top prices especially the scarcer items. A surprising thing was the exceptional prices realized on U. S. cut square envelopes. The market shows a decided advance in them. Even the lots by countries, often a bargain counter for the dealers, went at new high figures. Taken as a whole, it was a most encouraging indication of the healthy condition of the trade.

WHOOPEE!!

What has happened to Scott's proof reader? Has he become 'half seas over' from the flood of new foreign issues or 'up in the air' on a similar air mail condition? Usually typographical errors are most infrequent from that concern yet the 1931 Standard Catalogue (published without the errata note hitherto found therein) follows U. S. No. 638 with No. 649, which, in turn, is followed by No. 640. This is not especially confusing but Scott's Monthly Journal for November—which, by the way, reached localities less than fifty miles from the city of issue—presents a glorious mixture in the "Price Changes"—giving eleven errors in page references, not counting repeats, one covering twenty-two items; one error of country (ten Mexico items given under Newfoundland); a mix-up in lining Haiti No. 401, 404, 403, 402, running in that order, and eight supposed price changes (three in Ecuador and five in Persia) that are repeats of the catalogue prices. Seventy-six errors in 186 short lines—Some record.

CHICAGO PHILATELIC SOCIETY ELECTS

The annual election of officers and directors added a note of special interest to the December 18th meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society. A complete printed ballot was prepared and after the count was tabulated the following names headed the ticket to serve for the year 1931:

Pres., J. L. Kirkland; Vice-Pres., J. A. Zalud; Secretary, Paul Nuss; Treasurer, C. F. Mann.

Board of Directors: W. N. Emerson, G. W. Conrad, Julius Loeffler, H. Henneman, Jos. Unseittg.

The meeting was largely attended, and after the business session the usual pleasant social meeting lasted until a later hour than we dare state.

Several guests were present, including Mr. Rozenberg, the wholesale stamp dealer of Berlin, Germany, who was making a stop in Chicago at the time.

One poignant moment made a high-light in the meeting when the gathering was reminded that this meeting was the nearest one to the first anniversary of the death of Charlie Severn, beloved of all who knew him. The entire gathering stood in silence for one minute in homage to his memory.

January 8th was set for the next meeting, which will be held at the Morrison Hotel, the new meeting place chosen by the committee in charge.

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HOW I STARTED MY FIRST STAMP COLLECTION

By Ralph R. Essig

About the year 1890 a neighbor boy showed me a few foreign stamps, some from Europe, some from India. A few common United States stamps were in the little book which he seemed so proud to possess.

I was a boy going to school and studying geography and became interested. Boy like, I began to think of what I had to trade to Booth (for that was his name) in order to get a few of these wonderful foreign stamps. I think I traded a small printing outfit for some of them and then I saw an advertisement of the Scott Stamp & Coin Company and wrote to them about stamp albums, etc. This pleased my father to see that I could write a fair business letter for a boy aged 10, and after some deliberation he bought me a small stamp album which cost \$1.50. I felt that I was the richest boy in town and proudly mounted the few stamps that I had in this album. About this time I got into communication with Wm. P. Brown, a stamp dealer of Smithtown Branch, N. Y., from whom I would buy a few stamps as my meagre savings from selling newspapers would permit. I think that many older collectors will remember Mr. Brown (who died only recently) as a very reliable dealer.

My mother was much opposed to my stamp collecting because I spent money for the "worthless things" and took up too much room with them, but my father encouraged me and was glad of the education it afforded in more ways than one.

I will never forget my feeling of ecstasy when I received my first stamp from Tasmania. It seemed impossible that I should possess a souvenir in the shape of a postage stamp which I knew positively came from such a far off land.

A year or so later I advertised in L'Echo de la Timbrologie, a French paper devoted to philately and asked to exchange U. S. Stamps for foreign. This brought an extensive foreign correspondence, in fact so heavy that it taxed rather heavily my hard earned income from selling newspapers to pay the postage, but it taught me a great deal of business methods and forms of letter writing.

Through financial reverses in the family and the 1893 panic, I was forced to lay my collection aside, leave school and work in a factory. I was busy chasing the dollar until the present financial depression started last year when my mind reverted to stamp collecting—this time to U. S. stamps only and I am now in it for life.

I believe that "once a stamp collector always a stamp collector" and I also believe that it is the most absorbing, most interesting most educational diversion that is to be found and that most stamp collectors are clean cut fellows—the cream of our citizenship.

THE HOBBY OF KINGS

The 1931 edition of Who's Who in Philately contains a formidable list of celebrated personages who are collectors of the lowly postage stamp. El Timbre Postal de Mexico has tabulated the list and we are taking the liberty of reprinting the list from this publication.

His Majesty King George V of Great Britain. Patron of the Royal Philatelic Society, London.

H. R. H. Edward Albert Christian George Andrew Patrick David, Prince of Wales.

Her Majesty Queen Elena of Italy. His Royal Highness Humbert, Prince of Piedmont.

H. R. H. Crown Prince of Sweden, Gustavus, President of the Swedish Philatelic Society.

His Majesty King Alfonso XIII of Spain.

His Majesty King Alexander of Yugo-Slavia.

Her Highness Prince Charlotte of Monaco, who opened the International Philatelic Exhibition at Monaco in February, 1928.

His Majesty King Albert of Belgium.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth of Belgium.

H. R. H. Prince Leopold, Duke of Brabant.

His Majesty King Ahmed Fuad I, of Egypt.

Prince Hiroyasu of Japan, Admiral of the Japanese Navy.

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ATLANTIC CITY HELPS JUNIORS

The Atlantic City Philatelic Society is doing considerable active work among the junior collectors. Already junior societies have been organized under the auspices of some of the older members and the work is both interesting and fascinating to the members who have the work in charge.

A SCOTCH ENVELOPE WOULD

Stamps, the idol of the Philatelic Society of Pittsburgh, have turned green with envy at the coming of a visitor in their midst which outshined a perfectly respectable comrade of 41 years.

An envelope, for the first time, rates higher than the old stamp it carries—a strange thing in philatelic circles.

"Andrew Carnegie, Esq., Millionaire, Pittsburgh, United States, North America."

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FROM OUR FRIENDS The Editor wishes to take this means of acknowledging the receipt of heaps of letters and cards of greeting and good wishes that have come to our office throughout the Christmas season. It would almost require the work of a social secretary to go over the files and check up on everyone who has remembered us at this season and while it will be impossible to acknowledge the receipt of all of these numerous greetings, this brief acknowledgment will serve to tell everyone of you how much we have appreciated your thoughtfulness of us at this season and to assure you that there were heart throbs throughout the joyful holiday season on receipt of each and every card and letter from each and every one of our friends who were so thoughtful as to include our name among the list of those to whom they sent messages of joy.

Many and varied were the messengers of good cheer that came in our mail and in a large lot of cards at hand at this moment we find greetings from M. F. McCamley of Radio Station KGW of Portland, Oregon; from the staff of the Columbus Chamber of Commerce which handles the Air Mail Events; Hawkeye Stamp Co., Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Lincoln Russell, a Columbus stampist; Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Wallace, Washington, D. C.; Westchester Stamp Co., Larchmont, N. Y.; from John C. Morgan; Far-

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IN EVERYTHING THERE IS always something that attracts a bit more attention than is given to the ordinary. Among the cards received were numerous that were outstanding and exceptionally attractive, one beautifully done on a genuine hand made paper, a piece that is especially attractive to a printer who knows the beauty of fine papers. In these days of cheap john printing it is so seldom that one really comes across a real piece of paper that one can stop and enjoy looking at it. Another exceptional card was the one from Mr. Poppenger of Akron but after seeing some of the work that "Pop" did at the late Akron Annual Meeting and Display one would almost expect something as unusual as this card was from such a man. Then there was the card from our good friend H. M. Brehm, president of the Appleton Philatelic Society, a very cleverly worded card with an original bit of poetry.

FOR GENUINE NOVELTY AND exceptional interest to the Philatelist, however, is a card from Dr. A. E. Hussey of Cincinnati. If you got one of these cards you can count yourself fortunate and we feel certain that all who got one will do as the Editor is doing and have it framed. It seems to be a beautiful water color painting of a typical Dutch scene, the Dutch boy with his big baggy pants, his large cap, his wooden shoes; standing by the seaside, a small sailing vessel on the water, a wooded point of land with the old Dutch windmill and the rocky shore acting as a buffer to the waves. On close examination one finds the entire picture made of bits of postage stamps cut in various shapes from many colored stamps and pasted on the card, the effect is beautiful, it is a real work of art, more attractive, more beautiful than

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BUSINESS MUST BE GOOD with the Hawkeye Stamp Company of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, for Mr. Jenista has just advised us that they have moved into new quarters in the Order of Railway Conductors Building directly opposite the location of the new Million Dollar Postoffice Building that is to be erected in Cedar Rapids.

ROTTEN—THAT IS THE BEST that can be said in favor of the trashy lot of stamps that are given out with a well advertised candy bar under the name of the 4 N Candy Bar. The use of stamps in advertising and selling a candy bar has been applauded by the Philatelic Press but when the class of stamps which are passed out with this candy are of such poor condition and of such rotten quality it is time that Philatelists object rather than commend. Numerous of the small envelopes which contain stamps given with these bars have been examined and we have yet to find one that is commendable.

A PHILATELIC BRISBANE

Montgomery Mulford of Buffalo, N. Y., might well be called the Arthur Brisbane of Philately. Mulford has been quite active in getting numerous newspapers to use a column or more on stamps and stamp collecting and his work can be found in more than one paper of his home state.

Mr. Mulford tells us that he has just recently completed arrangements with the New York Evening World for a column three times each week.

Perhaps the A. P. S. could best spend that troublesome thousand by putting it in the hands of Mr. Mulford for expanding his work and handling it on a larger scale.

Buro Prints

Information regarding new issues and notes of interest should be sent direct to the Editor of this column.

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Barberton, Ohio, ord. 1½c.
Springfield, Ohio, ord. 2c.
Salt Lake City, Utah, ord. 3c.
Fort Worth, Texas, ord. 1c.

For the above, Bob Richardson, Chas. Metz and M. R. Lampson get our thanks.

For future description all the 4 centers will carry W. or T. so as to distinguish old and new type. On listing 1½ centers, an added "sv" will mean side view or old type Harding and "fv" will signify new type or full face view.

A fine letter from the Hoosier State specialist Al Jones with some data and copies of the Indianapolis "no period" varieties. Pretty well cleaned up on these except:
2c perf. 10.
1, 3, 5, and 10c compound.

Can any one show these varieties?

With reference to the new N. Y. electro. The Taft 4's were overprinted exclusively with this plate.

The results of the first new issue contest sponsored by Hoover Bros. through Dr. Mitchell are known.

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2nd. M. R. Lampson of Fresno, Calif., 20 credits.

3rd. E. T. Goodman, 16 credits.

You will note that the two first winners are contributors to the column. Mr. Davis celebrates a bit by offering all who send postage a copy of the Beloit 1c ordinary, GRATIS.

Gossip for November 29th was dedicated to the Bureau Issues Association. Many fine articles about the buro issues including something fine by our contributor, E. S. Thresher, chairman of the Buro Print Committee.

The National Stamp Shopper, a paper more for the general collector, has a nice precancel column edited by that genial sky pilot, Rev. Hiram Van Voorhis.

The December Windy City Precancel News is out with many fine offers and notes on buro prints. Mr. Gunesch comments editorially on the net pricing of buros against the discount method of the city types.

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1930-1931

To the Cover Collector, 1930 was indeed, very kind. Very many fine additions were made to our collections, detailed mention of which our space does not permit, and lucky is the collector who followed the News of this column, and sent out his covers on those items, upon which we were able to give you ample notice. Some events flash across the horizon too swiftly for us to be able to tell you about them in time, but our sole aim has been during the year to record, those covers which were received, which have to do with the advance of air mail and aviation, and give you as much and as early information as possible of such events, and from the many kind expressions received in various forms, I have every reason to believe that we have been of much assistance, and that our efforts have been appreciated. Much of this information has been sent to us by fellow collectors, and I wish at this time to sincerely thank you one and all for the very fine assistance which you have rendered to the hobby.

Our prediction for 1931, is that this new year will bring us many new and desirable covers; and that the year will see many new faces among the collectors of these historic items.

Trans-Oceanic

On December 17th. Mr. Glover announced the withdrawal of the advertisement for bids on this route asked on November 28th and stated that it is contemplated to issue another advertisement in the near future with slightly different provisions for the route. As results of conferences regarding the line becomes public, it appears that Uncle Sam expects a monopoly on that portion of the line to Bermuda, with Imperial Airways or Aeropostale carrying the remainder of the route to Europe, while Germany and Italy with their large flying boats are hoping to land the routes to South America.

Italian Flying Fleet

The fleet of Italian Planes are today on the west coast of Africa

ready for their next jump across the Atlantic to South America, and we are advised that each of these twelve planes are carrying two bags of mail. These will surely be historical souvenirs of the air mail.

New Canadian Company

Peace River Airways is the name of the new company with headquarters at Grand Prairie who will operate a service in that territory, and likely carry the mail on the new routes to be opened soon.

Winnipeg Extension

December 17th Mr. Glover announced the opening on January 15th, 1931, of the Extension of A. M. No. 9, from Twin Cities to Winnipeg.

Fourth Transcontinental

Nineteen thirty-one may see the opening of a 4th Transcontinental Route from St. Paul through Fargo, N. D. to Seattle, as the Senate has added \$750,000 to the Treasury - Postoffice appropriation bill for that purpose.

The "Solution"

William S. Brock flying "The Solution" which won the Thompson trophy at the Chicago Air Races, claims an unofficial speed record of 300 miles per hour, was made recently at Akron, Ohio. Brock and Lee Schoenhair are co-owners of the plane and arrangements are being made for an official N. A. A. speed test, which may bring them the record. Alfred J. Williams now holds the record of 278.5 mi. made in 1925.

Canal Zone Air Stamps

The Director of Posts has accepted Meade Bolton's design for the new air mail stamps, which depicts a ship passing through the Canal, with an airplane flying overhead and the words air mail above, with numerals in the corners, and Canal Zone Postage below. The design has been forwarded to the Bureau of Engraving in Washington, but it may be four months before they will go on sale. There will be five or six different denominations.

Aerial Flying Hearse

We may even have aerial funerals in 1931, according to Ralph Schugar, aviator undertaker of Pittsburgh, who has just passed his Dept. of Commerce tests. He says he believes it is the coming thing as it saves time and he plans to have a flying hearse built at once. Wonder if friend Penning

could get us a cover carried by the first event of this kind. That would be a new one.

Germany to China

Dept. of Commerce reports that air service from Berlin to Shanghai will start early in January, 1931, to be operated by the Chinese government in conjunction with Luft Hansa. It is said that two flights weekly will be made in either direction.

Edmonton to Peace River

Covers of this flight at hand. G. W. Linke advises that this flight by Commercial Airways, was authorized by Ottawa to be made Dec. 6th, but it looks as if they were actually flown to Ft. McMurray on the 10th and from there to Peace River on Dec. 12th and the pilot, Capt. "Wop" May, because of fog, was compelled to go to Grimshaw, about 25 miles west of Peace River. A special cachet was used, and company's black Air Fee stickers.

Around the World Lines

Ere the close of 1931, it may be possible to send mail by air entirely around the world. Possibly something like this: From London by air to Lisbon, Azores, Bermuda, Newark, Chicago, Winnipeg, up the Mackenzie, through Alaska, to Japan, Shanghai, to Berlin, and London.

Labrador Mail

Francis Field reports that about fifty commercial letters were picked up in Labrador by the German Trans-Atlantic flier who flew to the U. S. via the Arctic Circle. These were ordinary traders letters and were posted by the aviator on arrival at Halifax on August 25th. A special three line cachet was applied at this Postoffice before distributing these letters. No philatelic interest.

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National Air Races

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Ile de France Catapult

Newspaper reports that the French Ministry of Air has entered into a contract with the Transatlantic Air Co. establishing conditions for catapult air service between the French Liner Ile de France and the French and American coasts, and providing that the airplane must take off from the ship at least ninety miles from the port of destination.

Happy New Year

To many collectors, dealers, correspondents and friends of air mail who have sent Christmas Greeting cards, we wish each and every one a Happy and Prosperous New Year, and trust that all of you will help me make this column better and more valuable to all readers during the year 1931.

PHILLIPS NEW CATALOG

A copy of the new 1931 catalogue of the W. C. Phillips & Co. of Hartford, Conn., has just arrived. This book is one of the largest catalogues that we have ever seen issued by a stamp dealer in this country. It contains 162 pages and cover, and is crammed full of offers of stamps such as will interest every collector. It is illustrated with many pictures of late and attractive sets, offers a wide range of varieties of all countries, offers also numerous pages of supplies, accessories and albums besides having several pages of very interesting and valuable philatelic information in the way of sound advice and interesting information for the collector.

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PRECANCEL NEWS

Information regarding precancels and notes of interest should be sent direct to the Editors of this column.

LAWRENCE BROTHERS, Editors
Anamosa, Iowa

Precancels, as you know, come from nearly every city and the question is bound to pop up in your mind, "How mount precancels?" The question is an old one, and as far as we know it is not definitely settled. However, there are ways to mount precancels, which seem more logical than others.

Precancels are stamps which have been cancelled before being used, and they generally are cancelled by having the name of a city and state printed upon them. Because of their "city cancellation" it seems logical to mount all the precancels from one city together. And of course, have the early issues first and the more recent issues last.

Since the United States is divided into states, the idea of mounting all the precancels from one state together seems good. In fact, precancels from your "home state" may appeal to you more

strongly than precancels from other states.

Mounting precancels by cities, and then by state arrangement, is the popular method. However, there are some who mount all the 1c precancels together, all the 2c, etc. But such a method is impractical. For example, if I ask you, have you a 1c precancel from Elgin, Illinois, and unless you know off hand, you must hunt through all your 1c precancels, and you may have hundreds of them, in your search for the 1c Elgin. If you had mounted the 1c Elgin precancel, under the state of Illinois and then under the city of Elgin, it would be a simple matter to determine if you had the stamp.

There is still another way to mount precancels. And that is to mount all the precancels from the cities beginning with the same letter together. You will run into complications with such a method as there are cities with the same name. Springfield, Ill., and Springfield, Mass., are examples and there is also a Springfield, S. D. So again, we repeat mount your precancels all from one state in one section of your album, and divide each section into cities. You then have your precancels mounted in an orderly manner and you can tell what you have, and what you have not, at a glance.

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STAMPS NOBODY KNOWS

By Montgomery Mulford

There are many stamps which even the stamp collector is not familiar with, at least as to the meaning of the design or inscription. At a glance many of us do not recognize the significance of some of our own postage stamps; and therefore this article has been written to suggest the stories that lie "behind" some of your stamps.

In 1868 Queen Isabella II of Spain was dethroned, for example; and consequent upon this political event Spanish stamps, including the postage of its colonies



(which bore the portrait of the Queen who had ascended the throne when merely thirteen years of age) were overprinted to officially mark the change. And so stamps have recorded (and still do) contemporary incidents.

Often an overprint or surcharge has behind it a story that is not discernible at first glance; but which, if studied, will tell you of an historic event and serve the double purpose of entertaining and instructing you.

Then there is that Czarist Russian stamp, a semi-postal issue printed to aid the orphans and widows of the slain troopers in the war with Japan; and one of these



adhesives (the series was issued in 1905) portrays Peter the Great on horseback, the design a reproduction of a statue at Petrograde (then St. Petersburg). Peter the Great was one of the greatest Russians, Czar, soldier, civilizer, who attempted to raise the standards of his people.

And when you find a postage stamp of British India overprinted "C. E. F." which stands for Chinese Expeditionary Force, you will understand that this little overprint gives you a hint of that terrible period which we call the Boxer Rebellion. British Indian troops took

a large part in the affair, and so naturally they used British India



postage when "writing home," with the CEF inscribed upon these issues.

In 1861 Naples became subject to the Kingdom of Italy, and its independent course ended. In that year stamps were issued for Na-



ples, and suggest the end of the land as an autonomy. Such items of history are not always obtainable at a glance, and we must study our stamp designs and inscriptions to ascertain the reason for such issuances.

Fifteen minutes of an evening spent in reading your standard catalogs, in pouring over your own stamps, and in supplementing your pleasure with a text on history or geography, will be worthwhile in that you will gradually come to know and understand your stamps.

There is one series of postage stamps, for instance, from Foochow, China, which illustrates the Dragon Boat Regatta on the Min River. These stamps were printed in 1895 and commemorate the celebration of an annual Chinese festival! Southern China particu-



larly, celebrates the festival on the fifth day of the fifth moon of the Chinese calendar. That period is usually in our June. The festival is in memory of Kuh Yuen living a century and a half B. C. Yuen, beloved of the people, was a wise statesman (would that modern China could have more!); but his

enemies spread calumnies about him, and this so distressed Yuen, who was an honest man, that he drowned himself in the Min River. Since then the southern Chinese have never failed to honor his memory—and we have this Foochow series of postage stamps to remember Yuen and the festival by.

A great many of these stamps which nobody knows can tell us, if we pause to find out, some fascinating tales that will entertain and often astonish us. They likewise prove that stamps are very instructive, as educationally valuable as they are valuable for a pastime hobby.

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FAR EAST STAMP CLUB

Eastport, Maine, is the most eastern city in the United States and it has a stamp club. The following extract from a letter from one of the members is of interest.

The Eastport Philatelic Society started one cold night in February, 1929. Two collectors started working together in the back room of a small store. Before the week was over they had two more, then the last of the month, five got together and formed the Eastport Philatelic Society. Today there are fourteen members, two of whom have been collecting for more than thirty years. In the club there are collectors who are particularly interested in Air Mail, revenues, precancels, old covers, etc. The aggregate catalogue value of the collections of the members totals over \$150,000 and they are all going strong according to Miles F. Mincions who supplied this information and Miles further states that nearly every member is a subscriber to Linn's Weekly and that they do not want their subscriptions to run out.

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